

Subject: W.S. Ament's collection of Chinese coins -
description of.

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Mr. E. Croff Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 20th regarding the collection of the late Dr. Ament. I am sending this note as a brief acknowledgment.

I do not think it would be wise to encourage Mrs. Ament to go to the expense of having a more detailed description prepared at the present time. I am, however, in hope of bringing this matter to the attention of one of our members who may be interested, and in the event of a favorable response, I shall communicate with you later about this collection. If its purchase were considered, it would, of course, be necessary to send it on. I presume there will be no difficulty in having this done.

Regarding the sword coins of which you write, the important circumstance for us is that they are reported to have been recovered from a destroyed grave. We should be very glad to see them.

I regret that this letter is not able to be more definite. I hope, however, that I may be able to remedy this in my next communication.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.